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SUBJ: PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN TRUSTEESHIP, OCT 16 GENERAL DEBATE

1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) MINISTER OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE ALBERT MAORI KIKI AND AUSTRALIAN PERMREP CAMPBELL ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM UK, FRANCE, USA AND USSR AT TC MEETING OCT 16. ALL TC MEMBERS EXCEPT USSR RESPECTED AUSTRALIAN REQUEST THAT QUESTION BE LIMITED TO PNG'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, DEFENSE, CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICIES ON GROUNDS THAT AUSTRALIA NO LONGER EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PNG'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. IN FOREIGN RELATIONS FIELD, PNG PLANS TO JOIN UN UPON OBTAINING FORMAL INDEPENDENCE. MAORI KIKI STATED THAT PNG HAD JOINED OR IS ABOUT TO JOIN ICAO, UNESCO, WHO, INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, WORLD BANK, ITU, SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE, SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM, ABB, AND ECAFE.

3. MAORI KIKI STRESSED THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN PNG WOULD BE ON GOVT'S TERMS. PNG GOVT SHOULD HAVE MAJORITY
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SHARE IN LARGE VENTURES, FOREIGN INVESTMENT WILL BE TAXED AND ASKED TO OFFER UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS ABROAD. HE SAID

"WE WILL MAKE SURE THEY GET THEIR MONEY'S WORTH AND WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT THEM TO GIVE BACK WHAT THE COUNTRY OUGHT TO GET."

4. IN DEFENSE AREA, MAORI KIKI SAID PNG PRESENTLY HAS 3,500-MAN VOLUNTARY FORCE CONCERNED WITH INTERNAL SECURITY AND THAT PNG HAS NO INTENTION OF EXPANDING IT OR ENGAGING IN ARMS BUILDUP.

5. REFERRING TO CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING, MAORI KIKI SAID AREAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION INCLUDE DEFINITION OF CITIZENSHIP, ROLE OF EXPATRIATES, AND NATURE OF PROVINCIAL GOVTS. HE ADDED THAT DATE OF INDEPENDENCE WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED OR DETERMINED UNTIL CONSTITUTION ENACTED.

6. PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD BEING POUCHED TO INFO ADDRESSEES.
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